

NORMAL STUDENTS GIVEN BIG OUTING

ARE GUESTS OF FACULTY AND
TOWN PEOPLE. MONDAY.

Taken to Cooley's Canyon Where They
Enjoyed Big Picnic Dinner and
Sight Seeing.

Monday was a great day for the students in the Normal and those of the town people who joined them in a holiday trip to the canyons twelve miles east of town. The morning was very cool, and the crowd bundled in overcoats and shawls, started from the court house at nine o'clock. The canyons were reached by noon and after a short breathing spell to recuperate from the effects of a twelve mile jolt on wagons, the crowd was treated to an immense picnic feast near the spring in the Cooley spur. Chicken, sandwiches of a dozen kinds, meats of every description, pickles, cookies, cakes, pies, salads, and forty other things were spread out on table cloths before the one hundred and seventy-five people. After a few announcements by Pres. Cousins and prayer offered by Rev. Harder, the hungry bunch began helping themselves in true picnic style and spirit. During the dinner Mr. Lusby took a picture of the crowd in action, and after dinner another exposure was made of the bunch seated on the rocks along the side of the cliff.

About two o'clock the real sight-seeing began. The "mountain climbers" of the party, headed by R. A. Terrill, set off to the north to go down in the main canyon, while those who did not care for such strenuous exercise headed to the east, led by L. E. Cowling, and skirted the cliffs to watch the crowd down in the gulches.

It is safe to say that no one in the crowd who had never visited this place would have guessed the magnitude or the beauty of the canyons to the east of Canyon. To stand on the brink and look across three miles to the other side at the beautiful strata of rock, and then to look for hundreds of feet almost straight down is worth going miles to see. But how much greater the sight to go down into these chasms, climbing part of the time and jumping for a number of feet at others, and then to turn and look at the huge pillars and monuments of stone on every hand, raised for a thousand feet overhead—one would little think that he were on the plains of Texas. The proposition to be solved when once in such a place is to get out. Some of the crowd found this greater than they expected. It looked easy at a distance, but when one has climbed over a huge boulder only to find a much larger one directly in front of him, and accomplishing this to find a dozen more still larger in the distance, he realizes what his task is. But this is not all. After having climbed for half an hour, gaining a few hundred feet, he comes to a monstrous wall of rock which projects almost perpendicularly in the air to the distance of from fifty to a hundred feet. It takes team work to get out of such a place, and mighty cool headed team work at that. Luckily, however, out of the large crowd no one was injured during the climbing and only one young lady became exhausted to any extent.

The crowd gathered at the wagons at five o'clock and started home, very weary but exceedingly well pleased with the trip of the day.

VERY NARROW ESCAPE.

L. E. Cowling Narrowly Escaped with
Life From an Auto Smashup
North of Canyon.

Wednesday afternoon while out driving with Judge Lair and H. B. Herd, of Ft. Worth, L. E. Cowling was almost crushed under his auto, which turned turtle over an embankment north of town. They were going up the hill and nearly arriving at the top the engine went dead. The breaks refused to work and the machine started to back down. Judge Lair and Mr. Herd jumped out, but Mr. Cowling in trying to steer the machine safely to bottom, lost control and the machine shot over the embankment. The auto was literally smashed into splinters. Mr. Herd and Mr. Lair ran to the scene expecting to find Mr. Cowling injured, but luckily he was thrown in such a manner that the steering wheel held the machine up just enough to keep Mr. Cowling from being crushed. It was a miraculous escape and in fifty wrecks one would not have escaped as did Mr. Cowling. As it was, he was hardly injured at all.

Mrs. Henry Schuette Dies.

Mrs. Henry Schuette died at her home Saturday and was buried Sunday. The family had lately moved from Illinois. Mrs. Schuette was 39 years, 6 months and 16 days of age. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn her loss. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted from the house by Rev. Lohmann. The friends of the family extend to the husband and children their heart felt sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Miss Mills Lectures.

Miss Mills, a returned missionary, lectured at the Christian church Friday night before a good sized audience. Miss Mills has spent six years in India and spoke of her work and the conditions there. She is a very interesting speaker and pleased her audience very highly.

Scott & Flesher Dissolve.

On account of W. T. Scott soon taking his place on the bench, the law firm of Scott & Flesher will dissolve partnership the first of the month. Mr. Scott will soon take up the duties of county judge, and practice only in the district court while W. J. Flesher will take up the duties of county attorney and continue the general practice of law and abstract business.

Rain Wednesday.

A heavy rain fell in this vicinity Wednesday evening. From five to six o'clock it simply poured down. Water was standing in all the streets for some time afterwards. The ground was soaked up in fine shape for fall plowing.

STEAM LAUNDRY WOULD COME.

Judge J. C. Hunt Has Letter of Inquiry
as to Condition at Canyon.
Some Capital Wanted.

Canyon can get a first class laundry if some of our citizens wish to take a little stock in the company. Judge Hunt has in his possession a letter from a first class laundryman who wants to move his plant from another town to Canyon. It is a good proposition and no doubt some citizen will take it up.

PASSING IT ALONG.



—Johnson in Philadelphia North American.

STUDENTS EQUAL 3,214 YEARS AGE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EIGHT
AGES ARE AVERAGED

Twenty Years is the Average Age of
Those in Attendance at the
Normal College.

No one in the Normal is under 16 and the oldest is 41, but the combined age of those in attendance represents 3,214 years of life, or an average of 20 54-158 years for each individual. Twenty years for a Normal student is very high and the faculty are well pleased that they have such mature students for their work. The ages of the total school run as follows:

16 years of age,—	26
17 " " "	27
18 " " "	21
19 " " "	17
20 " " "	17
21 " " "	18
22 " " "	7
23 " " "	7
24 " " "	4
25 " " "	4
26 " " "	3
30 " " "	3
31 " " "	2
32 " " "	1
34 " " "	1
35 " " "	1
37 " " "	1
41 " " "	1
No age given,—	1 (lady.)

Baraca Class Entertained.

The Baraca Class of the Methodist church entertained the members of the Philathea class and the Methodist Normal students at the Joe Service home Tuesday night. Cards were given the guests as they arrived, on which they were to get the names of everyone present. Music was furnished during the evening by the Diekman orchestra. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The guests departed at a late hour feeling that they had been royally entertained by the Baracas.

Book Club Open Meeting.

The Ladies' Book Club held an open meeting at the home of Mrs. Dr. Ingham Wednesday afternoon. Nearly all the members and a few visitors were present to take part in the story-telling, which was the main feature of the afternoon's entertainment. Refreshments were served after each lady had told her story.

ATHLETIC GROUNDS.

Plans Being Made for a Quarter Mile
Track, Football and Baseball
Grounds at Normal.

Plans have been drawn up by the Normal authorities and work will soon be started on a fine athletic field. As now planned the field will have a good quarter mile circular track, a good straight track, football, baseball tennis and basketball grounds. The boys of the Normal have been at work on the equipment phase and are circulating a petition for financial aid. The fields will be fixed up by a state appropriation, but the boys will be required to furnish the equipment. The following officers were chosen yesterday:

R. L. Marquis, Pres.; Advisor.
Robt. Rowan, Vice Pres.,
Joe Black, Sec'y; Treas.

Girls' Athletic Association.

At a meeting of the girls of the Normal yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected:

Pres.—Grace Winkelman,
Vice Pres.—Maude Stewart,
Sec'y.—Fern Churchill,
Treas.—Mamie Conner.

The following were elected basket ball captains: Maude Stewart, Mamie Conner and Grace Winkelman.

Miss Cofer is the basket ball coach for the girls.

Christian Church Reception.

The young people of the Christian church were entertained at the Travis Shaw home Saturday night in a very delightful manner. Various forms of games were used and during the evening Mrs. Shaw and Miss Bonnie Anderson entertained the company with splendid readings. Ice cream was served as refreshments.

Want Homes For Children.

Upon the petition of J. D. Key, Erma and Theron Hanks were brought into county court last Friday and upon investigation, adjudged dependent and neglected children, and as such are now wards of the county. Judge Henson would be pleased to have some responsible people to take one or both of them into his home. At present they are with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Key.

Alfalfa Mill.

The Canyon Coal & Elevator company have ordered an alfalfa mill and will soon be ready for all kinds of mixed feed grinding. The mill will be in operation in about thirty days.

BAPTIST STUDENTS IN LARGEST NUMBER

HAVE A TOTAL OF 54. METHODIST
SECOND PLACE WITH 41.

Nine Churches Represented and Eleven
Signify They Affiliate with no
Religious Demomination.

A careful compilation was made of the student church affiliation this week, with some very interesting results. In nearly every case the students were members of some church, or at least their parents were. The Baptists have a good lead for first place with 54 student members, the Methodists comes second with 41, the Presbyterians have 21 and the Christian church has 20. Five other churches are represented and 11 signified that neither themselves nor their parents were affiliated with any church. The following is a tabular statement of the church membership:

Baptist,—	54
Methodist,—	41
Presbyterian,—	21
Christian,—	20
Catholic,—	5
Episcopal,—	3
Protestant Methodist,—	1
Universalist,—	1
Lutheran,—	1
No Church,—	11

Card of Thanks.

Henry Schuette and family wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who assisted them during the sickness of their wife and mother.

Water Melon Feed.

Saturday afternoon Pres. Cousins will entertain the Normal students on the lawn of the president's home with a big water melon feast.

GIRLS OUT NUMBER BOYS.

Girls Registered to Number 106, While
There are 56 Boys in the
Normal—10 new ones.

The girls out number the boys nearly two to one in the Normal. Up to date the numbers stand 106 girls and 56 boys. During the past week ten have registered bringing the number up to 162. When the work is moved to the new building more will register.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Tudor on Sept. 22, a boy.

GOOD PROGRAM FOR FARMERS' INSTITUTE

COME TO CANYON NEXT MONDAY
AFTERNOON. OCT. 3.

Tour Party will Arrive in the Morning.
Meeting to be held in the
Court House.

The Farmers' Institute is booked for Canyon next Monday afternoon, and every Randall county farmer should be here that date to hear what experts will have to say. The party will arrive from Amarillo in the morning and the meeting will be held in the district court room at 1:30 in the afternoon. Sam H. Dixon, J. W. Neill and J. E. Edmonson will have something interesting for every farmer. The following is the route of the party:

Stratford—Saturday, Sept. 24;
Dalhart—Monday, Sept. 26;
Channing—Tuesday, Sept. 27;
Tascosa—Wednesday, Sept. 28;
Claude—Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29-30;
Amarillo—Saturday, Oct. 1;
Canyon—Oct. 3;
Hereford—Tuesday, Oct. 4;
Dimmitt—Wednesday, Oct. 5;
Tulia—Thursday, Oct. 6;
Silverton—Friday, Oct. 7;
Lockney—Saturday, Oct. 8;
Floydada—Monday, Oct. 10;
Plainview—Tuesday, Oct. 11;
Lubbock—Wednesday, Oct. 12;
Tahoka—Thursday, Oct. 13;
Lamasa—Friday, Oct. 14.

Deals in Dirt.

The following deeds of real estate transfers have been filed in the office of the county clerk during the past week:

I. L. Hunt and wife and Oscar Hunt and wife to E. H. Wray, lots 5 and 6, block 36.
John Hutson to Kathryn Hutson, Sec. 34, block B5, also block 1 of Victoria addition to the city of Canyon.
John Hutson to Kathryn Hutson the whole of survey 76 in block B5.

Randall County Best of All.

H. B. Herd, a banker from Ft. Worth, was here this week on business and reports that the crops he has seen in Randall county will far surpass any in south central and western parts of the state. Mr. Herd has been traveling extensively and has been practically all over this western section.

Vote of Thanks.

At the chapel exercises of the Normal Tuesday morning a vote of thanks was extended to the people of Canyon by the students and faculty for the interest they had taken in the trip Monday, and for the conveyances furnished by the town people.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to M. L. Ellis and Miss Laura Roberts, both from Oklahoma. Miss Roberts has been visiting at the Thurman home near Amarillo. Mr. Ellis came this week and the marriage was performed Wednesday.

Two Boys Lose Fingers.

Roy Taylor and Al Liedike were both unfortunate in having a middle finger taken off this week in cog wheels of a corn binder. Both of the boys are getting along nicely but will be laid up for some time.